

**Aransas County Historical Commission (ACHC)**  
**March 23, 2010 – Minutes**

**March 23, 2010**, 4:30 PM meeting was held in the JP Courtroom of the Aransas County Courthouse at 301 N. Live Oak, Rockport, Texas. **Chairman Pam Wheat-Stranahan presided.**

**Commissioners Present:** Carolyn Cauley, Diane Dupnik, Linda Garcia, Sandy Garrison, Thom Elliott, Dora McKelvey, Jay Pace, Sally Reynolds, Ann Schick, Jackie Shaw, Janie White, Linda Valdez, and Asa Yeamans

**Commissioners Not Present:** Bubba Casterline and Richard Dias  
A Quorum was declared.

**Minutes** of January 7, 2010, and January 19, 2010, were approved.

**Treasurer's Report – Asa Yeamans**

Asa presented a Spreadsheet of income and expenses through March 23, 2010 (attached) and advised that the Aransas County Historical Society (ACHS) is still holding \$1,751 of ACHC funds for immediate/emergency needs. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

**Committee Reports**

**Executive—Pam Wheat-Stranahan**

Pam explained she had received a letter of resignation from Vice Chair Roberta Sherer who was moving out of town. Action on this item tabled until May.

Pam reported the latest conversations and meetings regarding Mrs. Mota and the **Cemetario San Antonio** (notes attached). She will keep the Commissioners advised on this ongoing matter.

Pam informed the ACHC that her report of new commissioners, Visionaries in Preservation, and historical markers has been presented to the Texas Historical Commission.

Pam reported on the upcoming THC Annual Conference on April 22-24 in Houston.

**Preservation and Public Policy—Janie White**

Janie presented her report from the 910 Concho Committee meeting of March 1<sup>st</sup> (attached) and informed the Commission that the 910 Concho Committee was going on an information gathering trip to the Port Aransas Museum on April 7, 2010. Everyone will meet at the museum for a 10:30 tour and then go to lunch with the people from the museum. The next meeting of the 910 Concho Committee will be Monday, April 12, 2010, at 4:00 p.m. at the History Lab at the Old Rockport School.

Janie brought up the subject of the upcoming venue tax election and much discussion among the commissioners was had. The bottom line--It was advised that everyone should get as much information as possible before voting. The upcoming Chamber of Commerce Luncheon on April 13, 2010, will have a presentation regarding the venue tax, and it was suggested that commissioners might want to consider attending. Most importantly, everyone should make a serious effort to learn as much as possible and then get out and vote.

**Historical Markers—Sandy Garrison**

Dora McKelvey reported on the Marine Lab up for consideration of a marker. There was brief discussion on a marker for Mills Wharf. Property owners and THC need to be contacted regarding the process. The next meeting of the Historical Markers Committee will be April 29, 2010 at 9:30 am at the History Lab.

**Finance and Budget—Asa Yeamans**

Linda Garcia has been added to this committee. Linda Garcia stated that the 2011 budget preparation deadline is July and requests must be in by the end of June.

**Public Relations—Carolyn Cauley**

The ACHC website is up and running and will continue to be updated as often as possible. However, it appears one link is defective. Linda Garcia will check with IT Technician, Collin Jackson, to look into the problem.

**Collections—Sally Reynolds**

Memorabilia needs to be fully catalogued, etc. Sally will be coordinating efforts to get this off and running.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**VIP Update Brochure – Pam Wheat-Stranahan**

Pam reported that the Heritage Trail is progressing under the Leadership Class, with half of the cost of the sign to be contributed by ACHC with VIP funds.

**Aransas First—Linda Garcia**

Linda Garcia, as ACHC’s liaison to Aransas First, presented a copy (attached) of the minutes from the January 20, 2010, meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**By-Laws Amendment – Pam Wheat-Stranahan**

The present By-Laws under Article III-Membership states that “The commission shall consist of a minimum of seven (7) members, with a target of thirteen (13) members”. The motion was made, seconded, and passed to keep the present number of 16 commissioners.

**Refurbish Historical Markers – Ann Schick/Carolyn Cauley**

Pam asked Ann Schick and Carolyn Cauley to work on this ad hoc committee. There was discussion regarding a possible workshop for refurbishing historical markers. This could be a youth project involving the Boy Scouts/Eagle Scouts. We could also involve the Boy Scouts/Eagle Scouts in the Rockport Anniversary event to be held on August 13, 2010. A meeting of the Historical Markers Committee will be held on May 27, 2010, at 9:30 a.m. in the history lab at the Rockport School

**Windstorm Exception for Historical Properties - Pam Wheat-Stranahan**

Pam reported that she had three more applications for approval for Windstorm exemption—Lisa Frederick-406 S. Austin; Janet Taylor-409 N. Magnolia; and the Women’s Club. The motion was made, seconded and passed to send the applications to Austin.

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Pam announced that the next meeting of the ACHC would be held May 11, 2010, at 4:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Linda Garcia*  
Linda Garcia, Secretary